

## Mode d'Emploi du Metro "Vac 'N' Blo"

1. Attachez le cordon prolongateur à trois broches au courant électrique. Insérez la fiche mâle dans la prise de courant.
2. Pour commencer, poussez l'interrupteur à culbuteur de gauche à droite.
3. LE TUYAU FLEXIBLE: Mettez le tuyau flexible en contact avec le suceur. Pour souffler, mettez-le en contact avec l'échappement.
4. LES RALLONGES: Pour nettoyer partout, employez les rallonges au lieu de se courber et de se tendre.
5. LE SUCEUR PIK-ALL: Pour nettoyer les escaliers, les meubles, la moulure, les rideaux, les oreillers, les matelas et l'interieur des voitures et des bateaux, employez le suceur Pik-All.
6. LE SUCEUR PLAT: Pour nettoyer les radiateurs, les pianos, les lits, les coussins, etc. pour épousseter et souffler.
7. LE RÉGULATEUR D'ASPIRATION: Cet accessoire concentre et porte au maximum la circulation d'air.

### IMPORTANT

Pour souffler, déclenchez les serre-joints et enlevez le capot, le sac et le filtre.

### LES GONFLABLES

L'Adapteur: Pour gonfler les matelas pneumatiques, les bateaux et les radeaux, mettez l'échappement dans la valve. Quand la valve est petite, mettez l'adaptateur effilé sur le bout soufflant (l'échappement) et attachez - le au bouton - pousoir de la gâchette. Pour la flexibilité, attachez le tuyau flexible au bout soufflant.

### AVERTISSEMENT

1. Si votre "Vac 'N' Blo" a de l'aspiration mais ne nettoie pas quand vous attachez le tuyau, enlevez - le du bout d'aspiration et attachez - le au bout soufflant. Le tuyau peut être obstrué. Videz le sac après chaque nettoyage.

Le filtre à fibres de verre doit être remplacé trois fois par an.

Instructions for the Use and Care of Your  
Metro "Vac 'N' Blo"

1. Attach three-conductor extension cord to power supply. Insert male plug into electrical outlet.
2. Start appliance by pushing the toggle switch from left to right.
3. HOSE: When use of hose is desired, connect to suction end of the "Vac 'N' Blo" for cleaning purposes, to exhaust end for blowing purposes.
4. EXTENSION WANDS: Reach those inaccessible spots. Eliminate bending to clean low areas and under furniture . . . stretching to reach high areas.
5. "PIK-ALL" NOZZLE: Cleans stairs, upholstery, furniture, draperies, mattresses, pillows, automobile interiors, mobile homes and boat interiors.
6. CREVICE TOOL: Cleans those hard-to-reach tight spots such as radiators, pianos, bedsprings, baseboards, around the cushions of upholstered furniture, moldings, etc. Can be used for vacuuming and blowing purposes.
7. POWERIZER/AIR MAXIMIZER: This tapered accessory concentrates and maximizes air flow for both vacuuming and blowing purposes.

**IMPORTANT**

To use as a blower, release clamps and remove front end cap, cloth bag and fiberglass filter.

**TO INFLATE INFLATABLES**

**Inflator Adaptor:** When inflating air mattresses, boats, rafts with large valves, place blowing (exhaust) end into or against valve until inflatable is filled. When inflatable inflates with small valves, place tapered adaptor on to blowing (exhaust) end, snap on to "push button" locking device. When flexibility is needed, attach flexible hose to exhaust/blowing end.

**CAUTION**

1. If your "Vac 'N' Blo" has suction but does not clean when hose is attached, remove hose from suction end and place on to blower end. Blow out the hose . . . sometimes it might be clogged. Empty cloth bag after each cleaning.

Fiberglass filter should be replaced three times a year.

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## VAC'N, BLO INSTRUCTION SHEET

# HOW SUSAN HARRIS USES VAC'N, BLO FOR, BETTER VACUUM GROOMING IN LESS TIME



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"I use the Vac 'N, Blo primarily for grooming my horses, although it has many other applications around a stable. My usual grooming procedure is:

First, I loosen the scurf (dirt and dandruff) on the horse's skin with a flexible rubber currycomb. Next, I vacuum with the Vac 'N, Blo, using the regular currycomb attachment. It works best to keep the brush attachment well down against the skin and to rub it back and forth to get all the dust out of the hair coat. I use the "Air Flare" utility nozzle for smaller areas like the roots of the mane and around the head. I then brush over the horse with a soft finishing brush to put the coat straight.

For ordinary purposes, I usually vacuum a horse every other day, using brushes and currycomb in the usual way between times. When conditioning a show horse, I vacuum every day, but I also spend time rubbing the skin and coat in order to distribute the skin oils over the hair and produce a shiny coat. The Vac 'N, Blo is especially useful when a horse has been turned out and gets muddy and dusty, but has to be clean and presentable. It is my standby during cold weather, when it is impossible to bathe a horse, but I need to have horses clean and tidy for formal fox hunting, horse shows and riding clinics.

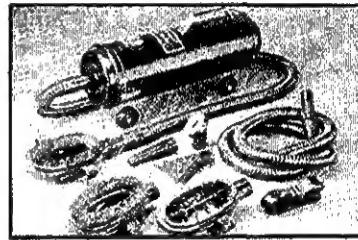
For sensitive or short-coated horses, I find that the body brush attachment (with soft bristles) is the most comfortable. The pin brush or the currycomb attachment can be used to break up and vacuum away caked-on dried mud, and the pin brush is especially helpful in loosening and vacuuming away long hair when the horse is shedding out his winter coat. I also use the blower function of the Vac 'N, Blo to dry a horse's heels when they are wet or muddy, which helps to prevent mud cracks and scratches (a condition where the pasterns become chapped and raw from exposure to mud and wet riding conditions). It can also be used to dry a horse after washing him down, or when a long-coated horse has become wet with sweat, especially in cold weather.

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To introduce a new horse to being vacuumed, I work in a stall or a suitable aisle or grooming stall (caution: not on a wet surface!). I start with the machine unplugged. The horse should be held by a quiet and competent handler, not tied or cross-tied (in case he should become alarmed and pull back). I begin by showing him the Vac 'N, Blo, including the hose and attachments, and letting him sniff them; then I put on the shoulder strap and hang the vacuum from my shoulder. I rub him with the soft brush, to accustom him to the sight and feel of the vacuum and the hose. If he seems nervous, I'll feed him a little grain or pieces of carrot. When he is calm and relaxed, I step back 6 feet or so and turn on the vacuum, while my assistant holds the horse.

If a horse is alarmed by the noise, I let him eat his grain while the machine is running a few feet away from him, until he no longer reacts to the noise. He should not be punished or "attacked" with the vacuum cleaner, or he will associate it with pain and fear it more, but neither should he be allowed to pull back or get away. When the horse is calm and accepts the noise of the vacuum, I come closer and rub him with the soft brush attachment. It is safer to start on a fairly insensitive part of the body, such as the shoulder, and work gradually along the back, neck and sides. Once they are used to the noise, most horses seem to enjoy being vacuumed and act like it feels good to them.



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I've also found the Vac 'N, Blo useful for various chores around the stable. It is excellent for cleaning tack trunks and storage cabinets (especially with the crevice tool). I've used it for cleaning mud from turnout blankets and hair from saddle pads. Cobwebs and hay dust should be removed from stable beams and ceilings, as they are a fire hazard besides being unsightly. The blower does an excellent job of removing cobwebs, and debris can be vacuumed away instead of blowing dust all over the barn. The blower can also be used as a sweeper for aisles and walkways; I find it quicker and more thorough than sweeping with a broom. My barn has never looked neater!

Finally, I've been told by horse people who are allergic to horse dander that using a vacuum makes them more comfortable and avoids stirring up their allergies, because the dust and dandruff are contained in the vacuum instead of going out into the air."

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# OPERATING MANUAL

## METRO MODELS VNB, MDV, AF, OV

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING (THIS APPLIANCE)

### WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

1. Do not leave appliance when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
2. Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
3. Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
4. Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
5. Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
6. Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
7. Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
8. Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair and anything that may reduce air flow.
9. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
10. Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes.
11. Do not use without dustbag and/or filters in place.
12. Turn off controls before unplugging.
13. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
14. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.
15. To avoid electric shock, do not use on wet surfaces, do not expose to rain, store indoors.
16. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit into an outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.
17. For a grounded appliance: "Connect to a properly grounded outlet only. See Grounding Instructions."

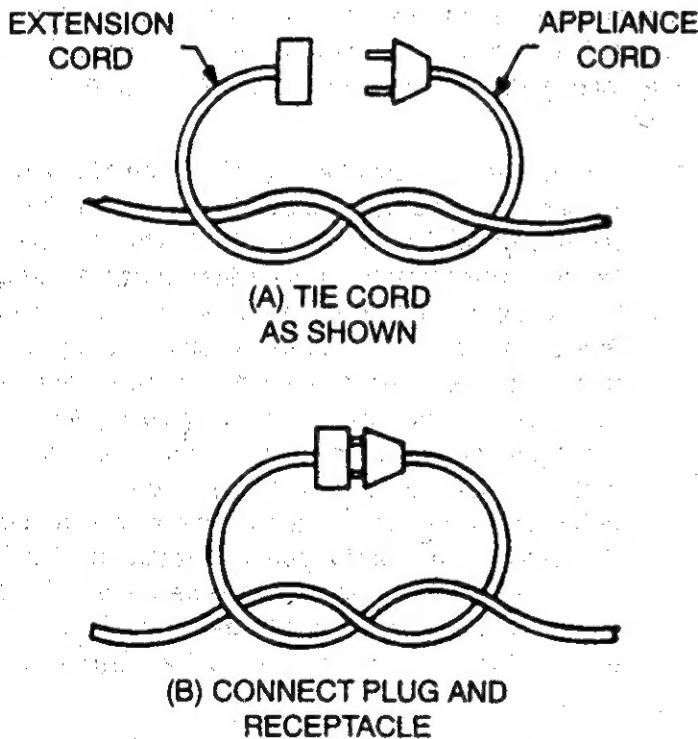
### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

This appliance must be grounded. If it should malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This appliance is equipped with a cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

**IMPORTANT:** To use as a blower, release clamps and remove front end cap, cloth bag, and filter. Failure to do this may result in motor overheating when in use. (Does not apply to AF Models)

## FIGURE 2 METHOD OF SECURING EXTENSION CORD



## IMPORTANTES MESURES DE SÉCURITÉ

LIRE TOUTES LES INSTRUCTIONS AVANT  
DE FAIRE FONCTIONNER (CET APPAREIL)

### AVERTISSEMENT

Pour réduire les risques d'incendie, de choc électrique ou de blessure:

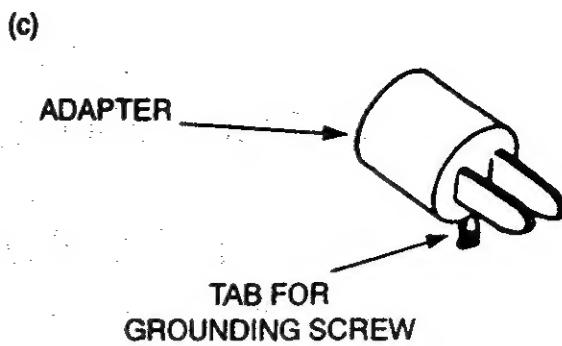
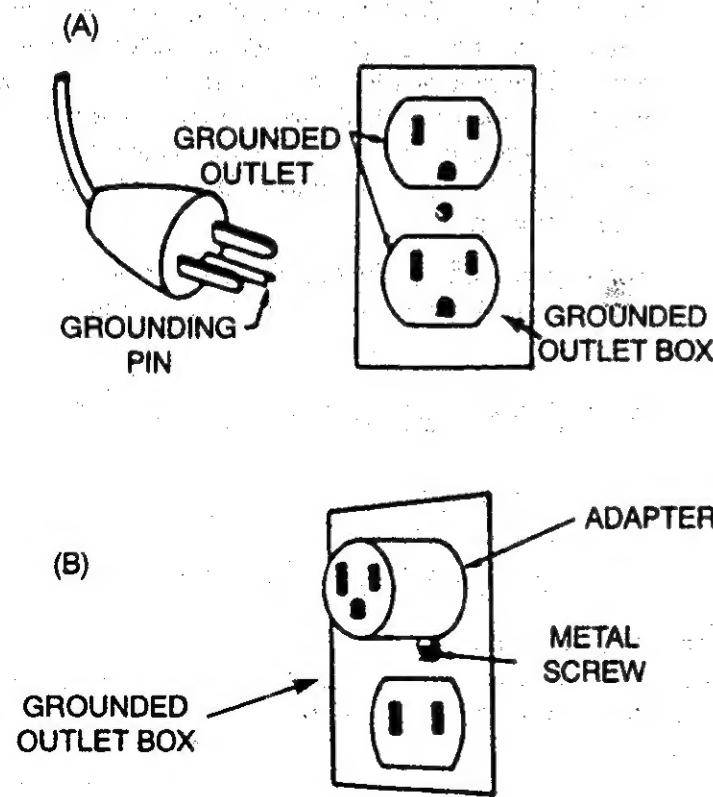
1. Ne pas laisser l'appareil sans surveillance lorsqu'il est branché. Débrancher lorsque l'appareil n'est pas utilisé et avant l'entretien.
2. (Marquage pertinent du tableau 5.4.1, tel que « Ne pas aspirer de matières humides, ne pas humides, ne pas exposer à la pluie et garder l'aspirateur à l'intérieur. »)
3. Ne pas permettre aux enfants de jouer avec l'appareil. Une attention particulière est nécessaire lorsque l'appareil est utilisé par des enfants ou à proximité de ces derniers.
4. N'utiliser que conformément à cette notice avec les accessoires recommandés par le fabricant.
5. Ne pas utiliser si le cordon ou la fiche est endommagé. Retourner l'appareil à un atelier de réparation s'il ne fonctionne pas bien, s'il est tombé ou a été endommagé, oublié à l'extérieur ou immergé.
6. Ne pas tirer, soulever ou traîner l'appareil par le cordon. Ne pas utiliser le cordon comme une poignée, le coincer dans l'embrasure d'une porte ou l'appuyer contre des arêtes vives ou des coins. Ne pas faire rouler l'appareil sur le cordon. Garder le cordon à l'écart des surfaces chaudes.
7. Ne pas débrancher en tirant sur le cordon. Tirer plutôt la fiche.
8. Ne pas toucher la fiche ou l'appareil lorsque vos mains sont humides.
9. N'insérer aucun objet dans les ouvertures. Ne pas utiliser l'appareil lorsqu'une ouverture est bloquée. S'assurer que de la poussière, de la peluche, des cheveux ou d'autres matières ne réduisent pas le débit d'air.

**CONSERVER CES INSTRUCTIONS**

**WARNING-** Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. Check with a qualified electrician or service person if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the appliance-- if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.

1 This appliance is for use on a nominal 120-volt circuit, and has a grounded plug that looks like the plug illustrated in sketch A. A temporary adapter that looks like the adapter illustrated in sketches B and C may be used to connect this plug to a 2-pole receptacle as shown in sketch B if a properly grounded outlet is not available. The temporary adapter should be used only until a properly grounded outlet (sketch A) can be installed by a qualified electrician. The green colored rigid ear, lug, or the like extending from the adapter must be connected to a permanent ground such as a properly grounded outlet box cover. Whenever the adapter is used, it must be held in place by a metal screw. In Canada, the use of a temporary adapter is not permitted by the Canadian Electrical Code.

## GROUNDING METHODS



## EXTENSION CORDS

Use only three-wire outdoor extension cords that have three-prong grounding receptacles that accept the appliance's plug. Replace or repair damaged cords.

**Avoid Dangerous Environment**-- Do not use appliance in damp or wet locations.

**Do not use in rain**

**Use of rubber gloves and footwear is recommended when working outdoors.**

**Keep Children Away**--All visitors should be kept a safe distance from work area.

**Use safety goggles when operating unit**. Do not blow debris in direction of another person.

**Use Right Appliance** — Do not use appliance for any job except that for which it is intended.

To avoid the risk of injury, use only attachments supplied by Metropolitan specifically for this appliance.

**WARNING** - To reduce the risk of electric shock, use only with an extension cord suitable for outdoor use.

**Extension cords** - To reduce the risk of disconnection of appliance cord from the extension cord during operation, make a knot as shown in figure 2. 3 Conductor extension cords and extension cord retainers or straps are available at additional cost.

**Don't Abuse Cord** - Never carry appliance by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges.

**Don't Overreach** - Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

**Store idle appliances indoors** - when not in use, appliances should be stored indoors in dry, high or locked-up place out of reach of children.

## INSTRUCTIONS VISANT LA MISE Á LA TERRE

10. Maintenir les cheveux, les vêtements amples, l'es doigts et toutes les parties du corps à l'écart des ouvertures et des pièces mobiles.
11. Ne pas aspirer de matières en combustion ou qui dégagent de la fumée, comme des cigarettes, des allumettes ou des cendres chaudes.
12. Ne pas utiliser l'appareil si le sac à poussière ou le filtre n'est en place.
13. Mettre toutes les commandes à la position ARRÊT avant de débrancher l'appareil.
14. User de prudence lors du nettoyage des escaliers.
15. Ne pas aspirer des liquides inflammables ou combustibles, comme de l'essence, et ne pas faire fonctionner dans des endroits où peuvent se trouver de tels liquides.
16. Un appareil muni d'une fiche polarisée à deux lames doit être accompagné des instructions suivantes, ou l'équivalent : » Afin de réduire le risque de choc électrique, cet appareil est muni d'une fiche polarisée (une des lames est plus large). Cette fiche ne peut être insérée dans une prise polarisé que d'une seule façon. Si la fiche ne peut être insérée dans la prise, faire installer une prise adéquate par un électricien qualifié. Ne pas modifier la fiche. »
17. Appareils mis à la terre: NE pas brancher qu'à de courant avec mise à la terre. Voir les instructions visant la mise à la terre.

Cet appareil doit être mis à la terre. En cas de défaillance ou de panne éventuelles, la mise à la terre fournit au courant un chemin de moindre résistance qui réduit le risque de choc électrique. Cet appareil est pourvu d'un cordon muni d'un conducteur de terre et d'une fiche avec broche de terre. La fiche doit être branchée dans une prise appropriée correctement installée et mise à la terre conformément aux règlements et ordonnances municipaux.

**AVERTISSEMENT.** Un conducteur de terre mal raccordé peut entraîner un risque de choc électrique. Consulter un électricien ou un technicien d'entretien qualifié si vous n'êtes pas certain que la prise est correctement mise à la terre. Ne pas modifier la fiche fournie avec l'appareil - si elle ne peut être insérée dans la prise, faire installer une prise adéquate par un électricien qualifié.

Appareils mis à la terre à cordon, dont le courant nominal est inférieur à un circuit d'alimentation de 120 V, les instructions de l'alinéa 1 ou 2 doivent figurer dans la notice :

1. Cet appareil est destiné à un circuit de 120 V et est muni d'une fiche de terre semblable à celle illustrée par le croquis A de la figure 10.3.1. Un adaptateur temporaire semblable à celui illustré par les croquis B et C peut être utilisé pour brancher cette fiche à une prise bipolaire comme l'illustre le croquis B si une prise avec mise à la terre n'est pas disponible. L'adaptateur temporaire devrait être utilisé seulement jusqu'à ce qu'une prise avec mise à la terre soit installée par un électricien qualifié. L'oreille rigide ou le crochet ou autre dispositif semblable, de couleur verte, prolongeant l'adaptateur doit être raccordé à un élément correctement mis à la terre comme le couvercle d'une boîte de sortie mise à la terre. L'adaptateur doit être fixé par une vis métallique.

**Note.** Au Canada, l'utilisation d'un adaptateur temporaire n'est pas autorisée par le *Code canadien de l'électricité*.

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